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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: February 12, 1962

SUBJECT: Negotiation of Consular Convention with Japan

PARTICIPANTS: Mr. J. B. Denson, First Secretary British Embassy
Mr. Robert A. Fearey, EA/J
Mr. Leo J. Harris, L/A- ~~Department of State~~

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Mr. Fearey brought Mr. Denson in to chat briefly concerning the status of the United States-Japanese consular convention negotiations. Mr. Denson stated that the Japanese had recently formally suggested that negotiations toward a consular convention between the UK and Japan commence. He indicated that the UK had agreed in principle, and that only the place of negotiations was left to decide. Mr. Denson inquired as to the progress in our negotiations and, in the event they were also to commence negotiations, whether this fact could adversely affect our negotiations. Mr. Harris indicated that a recent despatch from our Embassy had indicated the interest of the Japanese Government in negotiating other consular conventions. Mr. Fearey stated that the Embassy was now in receipt of our last long instruction, and would be approaching the Japanese shortly for a new negotiating session. Mr. Harris indicated that these negotiations would show whether the long form would still provide a workable basis to conclude the agreement; or whether the short form draft would have to be utilized. Mr. Denson stated he was informed about our two drafts. Mr. Denson concluded by stating that if any purpose could be served by our governments comparing notes, so to speak, on our respective progress and/or problems with the Japanese, that they would welcome such discussions. Mr. Harris agreed that there might be an opportunity for an exchange of views in this area. Mr. Denson stated that they would probably initiate negotiations by providing the Japanese a draft closely approximating the US-UK draft.

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